

February 27, 1979

LB 576, 392

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting aye.

SENATOR NICHOL: Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to introduce, Mr. President. Mr. President, new bill, LB 576, introduced by the Appropriations Committee and signed by the members thereof. (Read LB 576 by title for the first time.)

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Request 846 now? 846 is a deficiency bill. The two items contained in this have had the public hearing. The two items included is an additional \$700,000 to the Governor's emergency fund and the second provision is a correction of the legislation enacted last session dealing with the repair of some of the dikes at Hansen Lake that was authorized during the '78 session. The reason for the bill is being proposed in a separate and ahead of the regular deficiency bill is that the military department informed us at the hearing originally on the deficiency bill that while at that time there was substantial amount of funds on hand in that fund, that if the various bills for their various emergencies that have occurred came in, they may deplete that fund. It was indicated to us last week that there were now more bills against that fund than what there was funds and so in order to meet those obligations the introduction of the bill should be done. This bill can be put directly on General File as it has had the public hearing. The second one, we included the Hansen Lake provision again so in the event that work can be done yet this spring depending upon the weather, that the authorization would be there for the state. As I recall the Hansen Lake amount was approximately \$100,000. That was contained in the legislation last year.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Maresh, did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, a question of Senator Warner. Senator Warner, why was the Hansen Lake project held up? What is the reason for that?

SENATOR WARNER: There was an Attorney General's letter indicating a problem with the language in the appropriation bill that made it impossible to do it. This was also contained in a bill introduced by Senator Keyes, LB 392. It was combined here and perhaps Senator Keyes would like to respond more specifically to the Hansen Lake issue. Orval.